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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2006, having a shortened statutory period of time for response expiring September 6, 2006, applicants have enclosed herewith a petition requesting a two (2) month extension of time to make the response timely.

In further response to the Office Action of June 6, 2006, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this pape

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.